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1. IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN RECURRENT RUMORS OF
INTEREST ON PART OF MARSHALLESE LEADERSHIP IN SOME SORT
OF POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MARSHALL ISLANDS
DISTRICT, NAURU, AND POSSIBLY GILBERT ISLANDS. INTEREST
IN PART FLOWS FROM CLOSE KIN TIES BETWEEN MARSHALLESE AND
NAURUANS, BUT PROBABLY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO INTEREST
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IN HAVING ACCESS TO NAURUAN FUNDS FOR JOINT VENTURES IN

MARSHALL ISLANDS. (ANY SORT OF SPECIAL POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WOULD OF COURSE ASSUME MARSHALLESE POLITICAL SEPARATION FROM REST OF MICRONESIA.) WE UNDERSTAND THESE KINDS OF LINKS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED OFF AND ON IN RECENT YEARS BETWEEN NAURUAN PRESIDENT DEROBURT AND MARSHALLESE LEADERS, ESPECIALLY SENATOR AMATA KABUA. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY STRONG NAURUAN INTEREST IN POLITICAL TIES WITH MARSHALLS, ALTHOUGH THERE IS MAJOR INTEREST IN ECONOMIC TIES, AND SOME JOINT VENTURES ALREADY EXIST.

2. AGAINST ABOVE BACKGROUND, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF GOA FONOFF COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION IT MAY HAVE FROM AUSTRALIAN HICOM NAURU ON MEETING DESCRIBED IN PARA 12 REFTEL, AS WELL AS HIS COMMENT ON NAURUAN ATTITUDES TOWARD POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH MARSHALL ISLANDS. KISSINGER

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